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# Questions & Comments

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## Public Comments: Taylorsville, October 28

- Define "significant" redirected impacts.
- Where does the money come from? How much for watershed?
- Why fallow farmland when the population is increasing? (Need for food)
- What about "carrying capacity" numbers?
- Why is there no vocal advisory group to represent watershed issues? (Watersheds need money now)
- Watershed advisory council is under consideration.
- Are there different watershed components in each alternative or will watershed effort be the same regardless?
- Until representation is there--watershed areas will not be given priority. Needs to be part of "canned" presentation. All of California needs to know about the importance.
- CALFED presentation emphasizes better quality and more quantity. Watershed issues should be emphasized to all of California.
- The watershed area should be indicated on CALFED maps.
- Look at gathering more information - "pilot program" on watershed funding (Demonstration projects).
- Will SRP make a report? Will it be available to the public?
- Sediment loading in waterways--will it be addressed in alternatives?
- 15 million is not enough for forest health.
- Watershed can produce 10 percent more runoff if managed better.
- Will there be matching funds for forest programs?
- Will there be a watershed management plan in each alternative? It needs to be an accelerated effort.
- Why is there a need for an Accord extension?

- How will urban areas share in "equitable" responsibility for cost? What about the value of subsidized water for agriculture?
- Degradation on private property channels, silt, can't be repaired (erosion). How can this be addressed?
- What is the water rights process? How is it connected to CALFED?
- Can you make forest service part of the process?
- Can CALFED fund a coordinator position for watershed issues?
- Don't forget ranchers, loggers, and others who work here.
- Is there additional storage in all the alternatives?
- Is CALFED looking at storage facilities?
- What will be the use of that water?
- What is "do-able" for the rest of the state? Northern California is often ignored.
- ERPP draft--no one knew about it.
- Is there a plan to divert sediment?
- Who is the ultimate decision maker? Can the federal government take precedence over the state?
- What about emergency services?
- CALFED needs to enter into a "dialogue" rather than just giving information.
- Work with the public in development of the solution.
- What happens when a preferred alternative is identified?
- Will it eventually go to a public vote?